

One should not, however, exaggerate the importance of these incidents. What is regrettable is the absence of a Democratic Socialist movement in the Arab countries. Amrout Hussein felt all his Pan-Arab democracy poll 7,900 votes in the last Egyptian elections, a not very impressive figure in a country of 20 million. There is no room for complacency about the possibility for the growth of a genuine workers' movement under present conditions in the Arab countries. Hence need for abandonment.

It can not be denied, on the other hand, that despite the rising cost-of-living allowance real wages are going down. Prices rise more speedily than every six months, the period agreed upon for the adjustment of allowances. Moreover, decontrol results in more purchases on the free market, so that the index becomes less representative of the real costs than before. The answer of the orthodox left to these problems thus created will be to adjust the cost-of-living allowance monthly and to make the index a more faithful mirror of the market. This, however, would only lead us in the direction of the price controls of the American, which France would never follow. The world of the Government might be forced, under this new pressure, to re-

Universal Complaint
Similar troubles can be found everywhere. Dripping faucets waste precious water and cause damage. Citrus fruit not handled carefully is spoiled for export. Vegetables not carefully picked rot earlier than necessary. The

Restore Standards
It is often said that we have not enough people possessing the skill necessary to produce quality goods. And it is, of course, true. But the solution is not to train craftsmen has quickly declined with mass-immigration. The lack of attention to quality results, however, is appalling even those first-class workmen who set the standard until now. As the demand for quality goods grows, the people and the unskilled become smaller, the good worker and craftsman will not care any longer whether the quality of his work declines or not. There is still time to restore standards, to make life easier and happier for the worker, to strive for the decisive improvement of quality for our export trade.

It may sound paradoxical, but perhaps a period of unemployment and rising prices will prove the right time to correct the happy-go-lucky carelessness which is invading the process of production.

Year's Delay
This change caused a delay of about twelve months. Meanwhile, the expense of unloading grain in sacks, which has so often been the only method possible in Haifa Port, had become a heavy burden on the Exchequer and a temporary solution was sought for the interim period, i.e. until the time when the silo would be ready for operation, which was not to be completed before mid-1954, according to the most favourable estimate. It was therefore decided


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ANOTHER man recently returned from the United States tells us that he visited Brentano's famous bookshop in New York, an highbrow place as you are likely to encounter

— that was easy, too, — and the first president of Israel; he got that after a moment's thought. And the new President? "Ben Zvi. But there's another one called Eisenhower, I expect he helps when there's a lot to do."

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